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SUBJECT: ICAO - BELGIAN PROPOSAL INCREASE COUNCIL

REF: A) MONTREAL 0751 B) STATE 11 418

1. COUNCIL CONSIDERED C-WP 5974 MAY 29. CAREFULLY AVOIDED SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSAL. ONLY JAPAN SUPPORTED WHOLEHEARTEDLY, AND HOPED FOR COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT.

2. ARGENTINA DID NOT TABLE PENDING PROPOSAL BECAUSE LIMITED INTEREST. HOWEVER, ORALLY PROPOSED COUNCIL "NOTE WITH INTEREST." NIGERIA INTERVENTIONS PUZZLING - APPARENTLY WANTED DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OR NOT TAKE ACTION. ITALY, PAKISTAN, INDONESIA, LIKE ARGENTINA, INDICATED "WORTHY CONSIDERATION BY ASSEMBLY" BUT FELT COUNCIL SHOULD ONLY NOTE. NICARAGUA SUGGESTED "NOTE WITHOUT COMMENT."

3. PRES/COUNCIL REGARDED BELGIAN PROPOSAL AS FILED PURSUANT 10 (D) ASSEMBLY RULES. HOWEVER, BELGIAN REP INDICATED ALSO FILED PURSUANT RESOLUTION A4-3 CLAUSE 8 AND INVITED COUNCIL COMMENT. COUNCIL

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REFUSED BUDGE. BELGIUM MADE BASIC PROPOSAL TO "NOTE," SECONDED BY

JAPAN (ALTHOUGH HE FELT "IT DID NOT GO FAR ENOUGH"). SEVERAL MODIFICATIONS OF EDITORIAL NATURE RESULTED IN APPROXIMATELY FOLLOWING: QUOTE PURSUANT RESOLUTION A4-3(8) AND 10(D) RULES OF ASSEMBLY, COUNCIL NOTED PROPOSAL OF BELGIUM TO INCREASE COUNCIL FROM 30 TO 33, AND TRANSMITTED IT TO CONTRACTING STATES WITHOUT COMMENT. END QUOTE.

4. USSR REP EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE TRANSLATION OF "WITHOUT COMMENT" MIGHT GIVE IMPRESSION OF COUNCIL APPROVAL AND HE APPARENTLY DIDN'T WANT THAT.

5. ARGENTINA FORCED BELGIUM TO LIMIT PROPOSAL TO "FROM 30 TO 33" LANGUAGE AND DELETED LAST PARA OF C WP 5974 REGARDING FURTHER INCREASE TO -6. WILL NOT REPEAT NOT APPEAR IN ASSEMBLY WORKING PAPER.

6. GENERAL FEELING WAS THAT COUNCIL CAME OUT MORE INDIFFERENT THAN ANTICIPATED, EVEN NEGATIVE, AND LANGUAGE ADOPTED MUCH MORE INNOCUOUS THAN ARGENTINA OR OTHERS ANTICIPATED.
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